

tyrosinase to an individual in an effective amount to block or reduce tyrosinase enzyme production in skin or hair, wherein the tyrosinase reduction concomitantly inhibits or reduces the synthesis of melanin, classified in class 514, subclass 44;

III. Claims 40 and 4, drawn to a cosmetic composition comprising one or more siRNA oligomers in an amount effective to prevent, ameliorate, reduce and/or eliminate skin hyperpigmentation or other unwanted skin condition and a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.

Applicant notes that Claims 16-38 were not make part of this restriction requirement, although these claims are pending in the application.

Applicant elects to prosecute Claims 1-15 of Group I. Applicant assumes that Claims 16-38 will be prosecuted on the merits along with Claims 1-15.

The Office Action also indicated that an election of species was required in respect of Claim 4 of Group I.

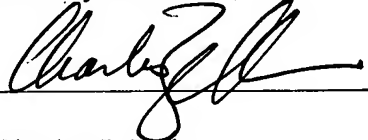
Applicant elects to prosecute the species referred to in Claim 4 as SEQ ID No.:1, namely, 5'-UAGGACCUGCCAGUGCUCUtt-3'

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